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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF DAVID ABSHIRE

1. DR. DAVID ABSHIRE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING AND DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, PLANS TO VISIT BERLIN FEBRUARY 17-19. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY WALTER ROBERTS, FORMER ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF USIA AND NOW A MEMBER OF THE CENTER FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES. ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

FEBRUARY 17 ARRIVE TEMPELHOF 1505 VIA PANAM 642

FEBRUARY 19 DEPART TEMPELHOF 0905 VIA BE 1915

2. FOR USMISSION: PLEASE MEET AND EXTEND USUAL COURTESIES. TRAVELLERS HAVE UNCONFIRMED RESERVATIONS AT KEMPINSKI. DR. ABSHIRE WISHES TO HAVE A TWO HOUR BRIEFING AT RIAS MORNING OF FEBRUARY 18. HE AND ROBERTS WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE IF MISSION COULD ARRANGE APPROPRIATE TRANSPORTATION TO EAST BERLIN AT NOON. ABSHIRE CARRIES DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, ROBERTS HAS TOURIST PASSPORT. THEY WILL WISH TO RETURN TO WEST BERLIN IN LATE AFTERNOON.

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3. FOR EMBASSY: ABSHIRE WOULD APPRECIATE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR COOPER AT SOME LENGTH
ON AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 18, INCLUDING LUNCH, IF
AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULE PERMITS. ABSHIRE IS MEMBER OF THE
COMMISSION ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE
CONDUCT OF FORIEGN POLICY AND WISHED TO SEE AMBASSADOR
IN THIS CAPACITY. KISSINGER

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